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SUBSTRATE, AND NITRIDE SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith:

Japanese published application 7-165498, published June 27, 1995; and

Japanese published application 7-202265, published August 4, 1995.

Additionally, the following U.S. Patents are listed:

U.S. Patent 5,620,557 published April 15, 1997.

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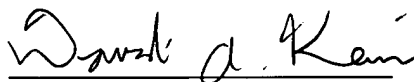
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On page 2 of the present application, Japanese published application numbers 7-202265 (published August 4, 1995) and 7-165498 (published June 27, 1995) are discussed. Both references are submitted herewith, together with English language abstracts. Additionally, Japanese Patent Office machine translations are provided for both publications, and U.S. Patent 5,620,557 is listed as an English-language equivalent for 7-202265.

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		JP	7-165498		06-27-1995	Toyoda Gosei Co. LTD.	Abstract + JPO Translation
		JP	7-202265		08-04-1995	Mitsubishi Cable Ind. LTD.	Abstract + JPO Translation + US 5620557

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